

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
October 21, 2014 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on October 21, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: Lori Boren, Kelli Chapman, Mike Cranston and Jason Weaver. Absent: Scott Rose. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders and Pool Manager, Katey Forest.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Weaver, seconded by Chapman to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from September 16, 2014 meeting. Motion made by Cranston, seconded by Weaver to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report –September 2014. Nature Park quarry has been stocked with fish and Siders will be discussing a long range plan with the DNR in the future. Elliott concession stand is finished and will be open in the spring. Council took a tour of the pool facilities during the City Council meeting last night. This coming weekend is the first annual Howl-O-Ween at the dog park. Bring your dogs in costume and possibly win a prize.
5. Discussion regarding 2014 Pool Season End of Year Report. Katey Forest, Pool Manager, gave her end of season pool report. Opening date this year was May 31st and closing date was September 1st. The hours remained the same this year with the exception of one day. There were 4 swim lesson sessions and the pool was closed a total of 18 days, partially closed 23 days. Siders said that two years ago the pool was closed 4 days and partially closed 3 days. There was a significant loss of revenue due to this. Rates remained the same this year and there was a decrease in the amount of passes that were sold. There was an increase in swimming lessons this year. Daily revenue decreased for the year but there was more revenue in the concession stand. Theme nights were down due to the weather. Forest is recommending a review of the pay scale for lifeguards next year. She would also like to get a new air conditioner for the concession stand and look into a new computer. A system of monitoring the passes needs to be discussed.
6. Discussion regarding Pool Analysis from Pool Tech. Siders said that they ended up not being able to do pressure testing on the pool because the water lines have rubber couplings on them that connect them and they don't hold up to pressure testing, so that was not part of the analysis. Some of the short term needs include: 8 broken gutter gates need to be replaced because they are no longer produced, the pool shell needs a new coat of paint, the zero entry circulation pump is in need of service, the fittings on the diving board need to be checked every season, the ladder treads on the pool ladders and guard chairs need to be checked every year, only 1 pool light works out of 4 in the deep end, the sand filter should be de-greased at the end of each pool season, the pool chemistry

controllers are ready to be replaced, the filter system needs to be replaced/upgraded. Pool Tech is recommending we go from six filters to two, which Siders is not sure he agrees with. The anchor slab for the low diving board is sinking. The basin of the pool is in good shape. A few items noted by the structural engineer were: the water stop caulk at the construction joint at the north end of the deep end has failed and will need to be replaced, the slabs around the deep end of the pool have joints that no longer align, which is a code violation and will need to be fixed. These items were presented to Council last night.

Other items that were noted by Siders, Nick Nissen and Chris Rodman that need to be addressed are: there is only one water line going into the pool that services the showers and drinking water and is the same temperature water for both, the mopboard and tile in the bathhouse is warped and discolored, there are no keys to the lockers and they are rusting, very few of the showers are in working order, the outside restrooms need repairs, paint is chipping on the walls and ceilings, the mechanical room needs to have soffit and fascia added, the north side of the pool will need replacement trees as well as some trees on the southwest side of the pool for shading. Siders is going to make a recommendation for a heater. There were approximately 32 days this year that would have benefited from a heater and it would help with swimming lessons as well.

Council asked Siders to prioritize the above items, get cost estimates and determine which items can be done in-house.

7. Discussion regarding Master Parks Plan. Boren put together a rough draft of the plan for the board to review. The content of the plan was not changed. Everyone liked the general formatting of the draft. Chapman went over a couple of new trends to look into such as sun awareness and recycling bins in the parks. Boren would like to add more pictures and asked members to send her a few if they had any. Siders will meet with Boren to go over the draft in more detail. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
8. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). There are 3 signs coming soon for Bryant Park, Underhill Skate Park and Nature Park. REM would like to begin taking residents to clean parks for the Adopt-A-Park program. The pool subcommittee will meet to go over recommendations for the pool repairs/updates.
9. Old Business. The crosswalk signs have been installed as part of the Transformation Grant. Siders will be requesting funds for basketball hoops at the elementary school that was in last year's budget but not used.
10. New Business.
11. Motion made by Cranston, seconded by Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Administrative Assistant.